

Opening Ceremony:

Monday 1 September, 09.30 - 11.00

- **Senator George Mitchell**

The former United States Senate majority leader, Senator George Mitchell, left the US Senate in January 1995 after serving for 14 years. He then became involved in Northern Ireland as part of American efforts to boost the local economy, and as chairman of the Northern Ireland peace talks.

When, after 36 final hours of non-stop negotiations, he led the parties to an agreement on Good Friday 1998, Senator Mitchell was praised internationally for his shrewd understanding of the intricacies of the local political situation, his diplomatic skill and seemingly endless patience. Since 1999, he has been Chancellor of Queen's University Belfast.



- **Mary Robinson**

Mary Robinson became Ireland's youngest professor of law in 1969. The same year she became a member of the Irish Parliament, where she remained until she was elected President of Ireland in 1990. Her time as President furthered her international reputation, and led to her appointment as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in 1997. In 1999 she was awarded the J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding.



Mary Robinson's talk is available in Adobe PDF format.

Keynote Address 1 - Engaging with education in a changing world:

Monday 1 September, 11.30 - 12.30

- **Higher Education in a changing world: Opportunities for transformation and renewal or subservience to the market?**

Professor Kader Asmal, Minister of Education, South Africa

Born in Stanger, South Africa in 1934, Kader Asmal left South Africa in the early 1960s and, after studying at the London School of Economics, trained as a barrister and practised in both Britain and Ireland. He taught law for 27 years at Trinity College Dublin, specialising in human rights law and winning the UNESCO Prize in 1983 for teaching in the field. Professor Asmal's contribution in the field of human rights activism have been recognised internationally. He had been awarded honorary doctorates for his services to human rights and environmental concerns by Queen's



University Belfast in 1996, by Rhodes University in 1997, and by Trinity College, Dublin, in 1998. He has been South Africa's Minister of Education since 1999.

Session 1 Parallel Seminars - Education in a changing world

Monday 1 September, 13.30 - 14.45

- **'Education is a public good' - Discuss.**

Speaker: Professor Steven Schwartz, Vice-Chancellor, Brunel University, UK

Chaired by: Dr Eric Tan, Chancellor, Curtin University of Technology, Australia



- **Measuring the performance of higher education**

Speaker: Professor Kapugamage Tillekeratne, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Chaired by: Professor Gillian Slater, Vice-Chancellor, Bournemouth University



- **What is the real value of international student placements in the global economy? How does international mobility enhance students' views on global issues?**

Speaker: Dr Paul Davenport, Vice-Chancellor, University of Western Ontario, Canada

Chaired by: Professor Robert F. Boucher, Vice-Chancellor, University of Sheffield



- **The global battle for brainpower**

Speaker: Professor Njabulo Ndebele, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Chaired by: David Strangway, President, Canadian Foundation for Innovation



- **Fundraising: an inescapable fact of life in our changing educational environment?**

Speaker: Professor C. Duncan Rice, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of Aberdeen, UK

Chaired by: Professor Jarlath Ronayne, Vice-Chancellor and President, Victoria University, Australia



Session 1 Parallel Seminars Continued - Education in a changing world

Monday 1 September, 15.15 - 16.30

- **Research evaluation and the purse strings: which systems work best?**

Speaker: Professor Peter Sheehan, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University, Australia

Chaired by: Professor Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ghana



- **What happens when everyone graduates in IT or business? How can universities produce graduates that are equipped for life, not just for making a living?**

Speaker: Professor Geoffrey Mmari, Vice-Chancellor, Open University of Tanzania, Tanzania

Chaired by: Professor Roger Dean, Vice-Chancellor, University of Canberra, Australia



- **Giving to students and the community: a case study**

Speaker: Professor Alan Gilbert, Vice-Chancellor, University of Melbourne, Australia

Chaired by: Professor Beban Chumbow, University of Ngaoundere, Cameroon



- **The diversity of today's student population: by adapting teaching to accommodate the new student body, are universities diffusing or diluting knowledge?**

Speaker: Dr John Hinchcliff, Vice-Chancellor and President, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand

Chaired by: Prof. A. J. M. Nuruddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh



- **The role of ACU-Global in support of higher education in China**

Speaker: Professor David Mellor, President, Cable & Wireless Virtual Academy

Chaired by: Professor John Malpas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Hong Kong



- **New Approaches to Staff Recruitment and Retention**

Speaker: Dr John Kirkland, Director, Human Capacity Development, ACU

Chaired by: Professor David Rubadiri, Vice-Chancellor, University of Malawi, Malawi



Keynote Address 2 - Welcome to the global marketplace:

Tuesday 2 September, 09.00 - 10.00

- **Welcome to the global marketplace**

**Peter Sutherland, Managing Director,
Goldman Sachs International**

After graduating from University College Dublin and training as a barrister, Peter Sutherland embarked on a long and impressive career dedicated to the regulation of business and trade. Prior to his current positions as non-executive Chairman of BP plc and Chairman and Managing Director of Goldman Sachs International, he served as Ireland's Attorney General, as the European Commissioner responsible for competition policy, as Chairman of Allied Irish Banks, and as Director General of the World Trade Organisation, formerly GATT. Peter Sutherland has received 11 honorary doctorates from universities in Europe and America, as well as numerous awards, including the Robert Schuman Medal for his work for Europe Integration, the European Person of the Year Award, and the Consumer for World Trade Annual Award.



Session 2 Parallel Seminars - Engaging with economic development

Tuesday 2 September, 10.00 - 11.15

- **Engaging with economic development through the commercialisation of research: challenges and opportunities for universities in developed economies**

Speaker: Professor Patrick Dowling, Vice-Chancellor, University of Surrey, UK

Chaired by: Professor Bonnie Patterson, President and Vice-Chancellor, Trent University, Canada



- **E-business and empowerment: the internet and the individual**

Speaker: Professor Robin Mansell, Dixons Chair in New Media and the Internet, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Chaired by: Gajaraj Dhanarajan, President, Commonwealth of Learning



- **Universities engaging with indigenous cultures: benefits and implications**

Speaker: Dr Sharon Cochran, Vice-President Administration and Finance, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada

Chaired by: Reverend Professor E A Obeng, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cape Coast



- **How can universities help in the development of the rural economy and agricultural business?**

Speaker: Professor Kapila G Goonsekera, Vice-Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

Chaired by: Professor Ogonnaya C. Onwudike, Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Nigeria



- **The role of universities as economic drivers in developing their local environment**

Speaker: Professor Kevin Sproats, Director of Regional Development, University of Western Sydney, Australia

Chaired by: Professor Mariapillai Mookiah, Vice-Chancellor, Eastern University, Sri Lanka



- **The University and the Community: closer links for a better future**

Speaker: Professor Subhas Chandra Saha, Vice-Chancellor, Assam University, India

Chaired by: Prof. Poluru Murali, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Venkateswara University, India



Session 2 Parallel Seminars Continued - Engaging with economic development

Tuesday 2 September, 11.45 - 12.45

- **Engaging with economic development through the commercialisation of research: challenges and opportunities for universities in less developed economies**

Speaker: Professor Datuk Anuwar Ali, CEO, Multimedia Technology Enhancement Operations, former V-C, National University of Malaysia, Malaysia



Chaired by: Professor S Venkateswaran, Director, Birla Institute of Technology and Science

Speaker: Professor Chandrakant Kokate, Vice-Chancellor, Kakatiya University, India



Chaired by: Professor S Venkateswaran, Director, Birla Institute of Technology and Science

- **The tension between competition and collaboration in the knowledge-based economy**

Speaker: Dr. Dennis Pavlich, Vice-President, Legal and External Affairs, University of British Columbia, Canada

Chaired by: Professor Ivor Crewe, Vice-Chancellor, University of Essex, UK

- **The niche role of the New Generation universities**

Speaker: Professor Janice C. Reid, Vice-Chancellor, University of Western Sydney, Australia



Chaired by: Dr Katy Bindon, President, Okanagan University College, Canada

- **Is there a role for universities in the regeneration of cities?**

Speaker: Mrs Alexandra Burslem, Vice-Chancellor, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK



Chaired by: Dr Dan O'Brien, President, St Thomas University, Canada

- **Rising to the challenge of the 21st Century: universities and sustainability**

Speaker: Dr. Andy Johnston, Head of Education and Learning Programme, Forum for the Future, UK

Chaired by: Dr Brian Mokopakgosi, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Affairs, University of Botswana

- **The contribution of higher education to national and regional development**

Speaker: Dr Dorothy Njeuma, Vice-Chancellor, University of Buea, Cameroon

Chaired by: Professor John Rickard, Vice-Chancellor and President, Southern Cross University



Keynote Address 3 - Universities engaging with their political environment:

Tuesday 2 September, 14.00 - 15.00

- **Universities engaging with their political environment**

Charles Clarke, Secretary of State for Education and Skills, UK

Charles Clarke currently serves as the UK's Secretary of State for Education and Skills, a position he has held since October 2002. Formerly President of the UK's National Union of Students, he has been a key member of the Labour Party since the 1980s.



Session 3 Parallel Seminars - The political environment and engagement

Tuesday 2 September, 15.30 - 16.45

- **Do universities have a specific role to play in a divided**

society? A case study: Queen's University

Speaker: Professor Robert Cormack, Principal, UHI Millennium Institute, UK



Chaired by: Professor K Wijeratne, Vice-Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka

- **How do universities influence government policy? A perspective from the South**

Speaker: Professor Derrick Swartz, Vice-Chancellor, University of Fort Hare, South Africa



Chaired by: Professor Nimi Briggs, Vice-Chancellor, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

- **Is public accountability more than just financial management? What about academic freedom and autonomy?**

Speaker: Professor Peter Scott, Vice-Chancellor, Kingston University, United Kingdom



Chaired by: Professor Ingrid Moses, Vice-Chancellor and President, University of New England, Australia

- **The Global Agreement on Trade and Services: implications for the university sector**

Speaker: Robert Giroux, President, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Canada



Chaired by: Svava Bjarnason, Head of Research Unit, ACU

Policy

- **The Centre for Commonwealth Education at Cambridge - a new resource for educationists across the Commonwealth**

**Speaker: Miss Judith Hanratty, Chairman,
Commonwealth Institute, UK**

**Chaired by: Robert Alston, Trustees'
Representative, Commonwealth Institute, UK**



**Speaker: Professor Donald McIntyre, Faculty of Education,
University of Cambridge, UK**

**Chaired by: Robert Alston, Trustees' Representative,
Commonwealth Institute, UK**

- **The power of the media: what role can universities play in developing the journalists of tomorrow?**

**Speaker: Sharad C Behar, Vice-Chancellor, Makhanlal
Chaturvedi National University of Journa, India**

**Chaired by: Professor Daryl J Le Grew, Vice-Chancellor and
Principal, University of Tasmania, Australia**

Session 3 Parallel Seminars Continued - The political environment and engagement

Wednesday 3 September, 09.00 - 10.15

- **Do universities have a specific role to play in a divided
society? Another case study**

**Speaker: Professor Ernest Wright, Vice-
Chancellor, University of Sierra Leone, Sierra
Leone**

**Chaired by: Professor Brenda Gourley, Vice-
Chancellor, Open University, UK**



- **Leadership, Identity and the State in South African Higher
Education**

**Speaker: Piyushi Kotecha, Chief Executive, South African
Universities Vice-Chancellors Commit**

**Chaired by: Dr Michael Stevenson, President & Vice-
Chancellor, Simon Fraser University, Canada**

- **To see ourselves as others see us: the perception of**

universities by the outside world

Speaker: Sir Muir Russell, Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Executive, and Principal Designate, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom



Chaired by: Mr Eion Edgar, Chancellor, University of Otago, New Zealand

- **What use are politicians to universities - and vice versa?**

Speaker: Professor Roger O. A. Makanjuola, Vice-Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

Chaired by: Lindsay Taiaroa, Executive Director, New Zealand Vice-Chancellors Committee

- **How do universities influence government policy? Another perspective**

Speaker: Professor Deryck Schreuder, Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Western Australia, Australia



Chaired by: Baroness Diana Warwick, Chief Executive, Universities UK

Keynote Address 4 - Universities engaging with their social and cultural environment

Wednesday 3 September, 10.15 - 11.15

- **Universities engaging with their social and cultural environment**

Senator Vivienne Poy, Chancellor, University of Toronto, Canada

Senator Vivienne Poy is the first Canadian of Asian descent to be appointed to the Senate of Canada. Fashion designer, entrepreneur and author, she was appointed in 1998, and has served as a member of the Senate's steering group for human rights as well as pursuing various philanthropic causes. She was elected Chancellor of the University of Toronto in December 2002, and



assumed the post on 1 July 2003.

Session 4 Parallel Seminars - The social and cultural environment

Wednesday 3 September, 11.30 - 12.30

- **What students want from their higher education and how universities should respond**

Speaker: Professor David Melville, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kent, United Kingdom



Chaired by: Professor Michael Osborne, Vice-Chancellor and President, La Trobe University, Australia

- **Universities as the conscience of society - an outmoded concept?**

Speaker: Professor Ngwabi Bhebe, Vice-Chancellor, Midlands State University, Zimbabwe



Chaired by: Dr David Atkinson, President, Brock University, Canada

- **Universities engaging with their micro-communities: two case studies**

Speaker: Professor Ranbir Singh, Vice-Chancellor, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research Uni, India



Chaired by: Professor Abubakar Sambo, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University of Technology, Nigeria



Speaker: Dr. Rokkam Madhavi, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, India

Chaired by: Professor Abubakar Sambo, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University of Technology, Nigeria

- **'It's a question of ethics.' Making use of our thinkers to manage the conflicts and paradoxes of today's society: Indigenous knowledge and sagacity, from campus to community. A critical reflection on university education**

Speaker: Professor Deidre Carabine, Director, Institute of Ethics and Development Studies, Uganda Martyrs University

Session 4 Parallel Seminars Continued - The social and cultural environment

Wednesday 3 September, 13.30 - 14.30

- **Cultural guardianship - are universities losing their reputation as the home of cultures? Does it matter?**

Speaker: Hon. Rex Nettleford, Vice-Chancellor, University of the West Indies, Jamaica

Chaired by: Dr H. Ian Macdonald, Former Chairman of the Board of Governors, The Commonwealth of Learning



- **The HIV/AIDS pandemic - a classic opportunity for engagement**

Speaker: Professor Michael Kelly, School of Education, University of Zambia, Zambia

Chaired by: Prof. Dayanand G. Dongaonkar, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities

- **Gender and economic empowerment**

Speaker: Professor Najma Najam, Vice-Chancellor, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Pakistan

Chaired by: Professor Kottilil Mohandas, Director, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, India



- **The contribution of sport to the transformation of society**

Speaker: Professor Millicent Poole, Vice-Chancellor and President, Edith Cowan University, Australia



Chaired by: Professor Tom Traves, Vice-Chancellor, Dalhousie University, Canada

- **Universities engaging with their micro-communities: another two case studies**

Speaker: Professor R R Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India



Chaired by: Dr Tefetso H Mothibe, Vice-Chancellor, National University of Lesotho, Lesotho



Speaker: Dr. G. Pankajam, Vice-Chancellor, Gandhigram Rural Institute, India

Chaired by: Dr Tefetso H Mothibe, Vice-Chancellor, National University of Lesotho, Lesotho

Closing Ceremony:

Wednesday 3 September, 15.45 - 17.00